

**Maine Conference, UCC
Congregational Vitality Preliminary Assessment**

Age: ____under 18 ____18-30 ____31-50 ____51-65 ____over 65

Gender: ____Male ____Female

Part One

In this set of items, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

5=Strongly Agree; 4=Moderately Agree; 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree; 2=Moderately Disagree; 1=Strongly Disagree	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
1) I am nurtured in my faith through participation in our worship services.						
2) Bible study in our church is a lively, faith-encouraging experience.						
3) Our congregation is strongly focused on serving the wider community beyond the congregation.						
4) The mission and goals of our church are clear to the average member.						
5) I am committed to tithing or proportionate giving.						
6) Opportunities to serve in lay leadership in my congregation are available.						
7) My congregation is intentional about increasing both our operating budget and our mission giving annually.						
8) Members are joyful stewards, sharing their time, talents and money.						
9) In our church, worship services are much the same today as they were 20 years ago.						
10) My congregation offers meaningful ways to be involved.						
11) Our church is known as a friendly, welcoming congregation.						
12) There is a broadly held common vision in our congregation.						
13) Our church members actively seek to attract new members.						
14) My congregation is open to change and new ways of doing things.						

	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
15) Important decisions about the life of my congregation are made with open discussion by church leaders and members.						
16) Our worship services are engaging and inspiring.						
17) Worship attendance has been increasing.						
18) Members lift up and celebrate one another's important life events.						
19) Members are asking to be more involved in the church.						
20) The congregation makes a real difference in the lives of children and youth.						
22) Our congregation helps members live their faith everyday						
23) My congregation is spiritually nourishing						
24) My congregation pays attention to social issues.						

Part Two

How do you feel about the United Church of Christ?

Enthusiastic Good Frustrated Uninformed

Does your church participate in Conference and Association events?

Yes No Don't Know

Have you or other members of your church encouraged gifted persons to consider a call to ministry?

Yes No Rarely

Has your church sent any person into professional ministry? _____

If so, how long ago? _____

Giving in our church over the past 5 years has

- remained the same.
- increased and is a joyful experience.
- has decreased, and we're doing the best we can.

Now, please rate your congregation:

very vital vital somewhat vital not vital

Comments:

Thank you very much for your help!